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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION DURING
HOLBROOKE'S VISIT: MARINE POLLUTION

REF: STATE 66771; STATE 60283.

1. IN HIS MARCH 17 MESSAGE TO CONGRESS ON MARINE
POLLUTION, THE PRESIDENT CALLED FOR DIPLOMATIC ACTION --
INCLUDING AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE -- TO RAISE INTER-
NATIONAL TANKER STANDARDS. THE PRESIDENT ALSO INDICATED
THAT HE WOULD COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH LEADERS OF MAJOR
MARITIME NATIONS TO SOLICIT THEIR SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS

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REGARDING MARINE OIL POLLUTION.

2. IN ORDER TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR ANY POSSIBLE SUBSEQUENT
COMMUNICATION ON MARINE POLLUTION, WE BELIEVE HOLBROOKE
SHOULD RAISE THIS SUBJECT DURING HIS VISIT TO JAKARTA.
THEREFORE, UNLESS EMBASSY HAS ANY OBJECTION, FOLLOWING IS
AN AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH WE SUGGEST HOLBROOKE LEAVE WITH

APPROPRIATE GOI OFFICIAL. REFTELS PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH EMBASSY MAY WISH TO DRAW UPON IN PREPARING FOR HOLBROOKE CALL.

3. QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED WITH THE COMPLEX GLOBAL PROBLEM OF POLLUTION OF THE OCEANS RESULTING FROM TANKER ACCIDENTS AND OPERATIONAL DISCHARGES. IN RECENT MONTHS, THE SHORES AND NEARBY WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY AFFECTED; THE ENVIRONMENT OF OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD HAS ALSO SUSTAINED SIMILAR DAMAGE.

PRESIDENT CARTER RECENTLY SENT A MESSAGE TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS IN WHICH HE PROPOSED DOMESTIC REGULATIONS TO PROTECT OUR SHORES. AT THE SAME TIME, HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE POLLUTION PROBLEM MUST ALSO BE DISCUSSED AND DEALT WITH INTERNATIONALLY. THE PRESIDENT CALLED FOR THE EARLY INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS TO IMPROVE THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF TANKER CERTIFICATION AND INSPECTION AND RECOMMENDED AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO CONSIDER STANDARDS FOR TANKER CONSTRUCTION AND INSPECTION.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (IMCO) SHOULD BE THE PRINCIPAL FORUM FOR THESE INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO REDUCE BOTH THE NUMBER OF TRAGIC TANKER ACCIDENTS AND THE AMOUNT OF OIL OPERATIONALLY DISCHARGED INTO THE SEA. IT IS HOPED THAT IMCO'S REGULAR BODIES CAN UNDERTAKE THE NECESSARY PREPARATORY WORK SO THAT A SPECIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CAN SOON BE HELD UNDER IMCO'S AUSPICES.

WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GOVERNMENT'S SUGGESTIONS AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOUR OFFICIALS TO DEVELOP AN EFFECTIVE PLAN OF ACTION. PRESIDENT CARTER INTENDS TO FOLLOW THIS EFFORT PERSONALLY AND IT IS HOPED THAT YOUR NATIONAL LEADERS WILL GIVE THEIR PERSONAL SUPPORT TO SOLVING THE PROBLEM. END QUOTE.
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